Committee Room, City Hall,
London, March 31st, 1920.

EIGHTH MEETING.

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CONTROL OF QUEEN'S PARK meets in the Committee Room, City Hall, on Wednesday, March 31st, 1920, at 8 p.m. PRESENT: Alderman Harley and His Worship Mayor Little, Messrs. A.M. Hunt, W.E.Robinson, George G.McCormick, J.Vining and E.V.Buchanan.

Upon motion Alderman Harley is elected Chairman.

Alderman Harley assumes the Chair.

20. CONTROL OF QUEEN'S PARK.

A.M.Hunt - Our Board at a recent meeting discussed the above question and it was thought advisable to have a joint meeting of a Committee from the Council and our Board as there has been no understanding for several years between the two bodies. Several matters have arisen lately which seem to demand a more definite understanding of this matter and our Board has, therefore appointed a Committee consisting of Mr. Geo. G.McCormick, Mr. W.E.Robinson and the writer to go into the question with a Committee from the Council if they deem it advisable.

O.O.Ellwood -

In reply to your communication of March 12th, we beg to advise you that Messrs. Jared Vining and E.V.Buchanan have been appointed to represent this Commission at the proposed conference.

S.Baker certifying that the Council had appointed Alderman Harley and His Worship Mayor Little.

A.M.Hunt submits a few reasons why there should be a better understanding between the different Boards as to the control of Queen's Park.

1. There has been nothing in writing between the City Council and the Western Fair Association since 1904 and then only to renew the lease.
2. Since any writing were drawn between the City and the Western Fair Association a new body has been organized in the Utilities Commission who appears to have certain responsibilities through their Parks Board.
3. The Western Fair Association has spent a large amount of their own funds in new buildings and repairs to buildings and on Queen's Park without anything to show for it.
4. Circumstances are constantly arising whereby overlapping seems to occur as to the use of buildings and the keeping of them in repair. There should be a better understanding so as to avoid trouble.
5. The Western Fair Association at the present time desires arenewal of the lease now held on the Eastern Portion of the grounds for another term of fifteen years.
6. The question of the responsibility of the Egerton Street fence to be discussed.
7. Some definite agreement in writing between all parties concerned regarding the control of the whole of Queen's Park so that each may know their responsibility and thereby avoid any unnecessary trouble.

The question is generally and informally discussed.

Mr. Vining moves, and it is adopted, that the control of the Queen's Park be placed under the Western Fair Association subject to a satisfactory agreement with respect thereto.

It appears to be the concensus of opinion that the Parks Board should pay to the Western Fair Association a sum equivalent to the average cost of maintenance of the park for the past three normal years; that the City should assume a portion of the cost of maintenance of buildings and insurance on the properties; that the control of the grounds should be under one body; that in the event of an agreement being arrived at with respect to the control of the grounds, the Western Fair Association should provide facilities for play-grounds along the lines of that undertaken by the Parks Board and the Western Fair Association should submit estimates to the Council of proposed expenditures, each year, for consideration with estimates with respect to maintenance of Queen's Park, grounds and buildings.

Upon motion the Committee adjourned.

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Chairman.